

## REPUBLICANS SPLIT AS ARE DEMOCRATS ON PREPAREDNESS

Party Divided, But Fact Not  
Emphasized As That of  
Organization in Power.

### FIRST WORD ON PLATFORM

U. S. P. Leaders Believe They  
Will Be Able to Take Advan-  
tage of Mistakes.

What will be the attitude of the Re-  
publican party on preparedness in the  
next campaign?

This is a question which is being  
widely asked by both Republicans and  
Democrats in Congress. It would not  
be easy to find a correct answer. As  
a matter of fact, though a great deal  
has been said about the division of the  
Democrats on the issue of national de-  
fense, the Republicans of House and  
Senate are about as widely divided.

Partly because the Democrats are in  
power and have the responsibility in  
the eyes of the nation, and partly be-  
cause so conspicuous a political figure  
as Bryan is leading the revolt against  
preparedness in his party, the Demo-  
cratic factionalism has been much more  
emphasized than has the Republican  
difference of view over the wisdom of  
increased army and navy and enlarged  
armaments.

### United Party Doubtful.

It is doubtful, too, whether the pro-  
gress of the debate over the military bill  
and the navy bill will serve to unite  
the Republicans in Congress on the  
proposition of how far the Government  
should go in the way of preparation.  
The general situation is that the East-  
ern Republicans and those from the  
far West are strong for preparedness,  
but the Republicans from the Middle  
West either are lukewarm in most cases  
or are opposed to increased preparation,  
though there are some exceptions to  
this. Among the Democrats, one finds  
the opposition to preparedness chiefly  
among members from the Middle West  
and South.

But in one respect, the Republican  
party chiefs think they are going to  
have a big advantage over the Demo-  
crats. In the convention beginning June  
7 at Chicago, they will have to adopt  
a plank dealing with the national de-  
fense issue in some way. The Demo-  
crats will have to adopt a plank in  
their convention beginning June 14.  
Necessarily, the Democrats will be  
forced to stand by what they do in Con-  
gress, though nobody would know that  
that will be the case. Now, the Re-  
publicans think they can strike a note  
on the preparedness issue and strike it  
right, which will meet the approval of  
the country.

### Want First Word On Platform.

Much wonderment has been expressed  
as to why the Republicans put their  
convention ahead of the Democratic  
convention, as the minority party usually  
follows the majority party. The chief  
reason, it appears, was that the Re-  
publicans thought it would be advisable  
to say the first platform word on pre-  
paredness and say it in a fashion that  
would emphasize the faults of the Demo-  
cratic preparedness legislation in Con-  
gress, if, as they expect, it should be  
found to be faulty when put through.  
Congress just now is considerably in  
the air as to what the public really  
wants on national defense. But by next  
June it probably will be better settled.  
What is the public temper? The Re-  
publicans think that when their con-  
vention is held, knowing the public mind  
as they expect to do by that time, they  
can declare themselves through their  
platform in a way to meet the approval  
of a large majority of the voters. In  
there should be too big an outcry  
against preparedness, they can speak  
accordingly. If the country shows the  
demanding more preparedness than the  
Democrats provide for, the Republican  
platform can be so shaped.

### Both Sides Playing Politics.

It may be said this is applying pol-  
itics, and nothing but politics, to a vital  
public question, but the truth is that  
both parties are showing more dispo-  
sition to try to catch the public opin-  
ion on national defense than they are  
to the consideration of the preparedness  
problem from a strictly strategic and  
international standpoint.

Much talk has been going the rounds  
that preparedness would be considered  
by Congress in a non-partisan spirit.  
So it will, to a certain extent. But only  
to a certain extent. It is going to prove  
impossible to keep politics out of this  
issue, and the discussion both of na-  
tional defense and of foreign legisla-  
tion will find the air thick with politics,  
while the average member will not  
hesitate to trim his sails to suit senti-  
ment in his State or district. By the  
same token, the defense question will  
go into the conventions and will be a  
conspicuous subject for the 1916 cam-  
paign.

Sometimes a fight is decided by the  
first blow. Sometimes it isn't. Any-  
how, the Republicans think it won't be  
missed next June to get in the first ver-  
bal lick on preparedness.

## Broke, He Wrote Noted Song to Get Wife Gift

Barney Fagin "Confesses" He Is Author of Famous  
"My Gal Is a High-Born Lady"—Got Inspira-  
tion on Bicycle Ride.

The father of rag time—the man who  
made it possible for such people as  
Irving Berlin to be popular in the  
cabarets and national banks—has con-  
fessed: Barney Fagin, composer of  
"My Gal Is a High-Born Lady," ac-  
knowledged as the first of the "coon"  
songs, and inventor of the forms of  
dance and march figures that are used  
wherever a chorus girl has strength to  
carry a spear, a muff, or other elabo-  
rate costume, has come to Washington,  
and admits it all!

Barney Fagin, with fifty years of  
theatrical effort setting so lightly on  
his shoulders that his feet are as nimble  
as when he and Richard Golden were  
the heifer in the original production of  
"Evangeline," who is not only the  
father of the present day ragtime cab-  
aret, but is known as well as the  
composer of the original words and  
music of "When the Robins Nest  
Again," a popular which even ardent  
tango queens sang to their in-  
fant—this same Barney Fagin is in  
Washington again dancing and singing  
as he has done since a little lad in  
Boston.

### Half-Century on Stage.

It was fifty years or more ago—Fagin  
speaks of it that way—that a five-year-  
old boy was led into the stage at the  
famous old Howard Athenaeum, in Bos-  
ton, to sing and dance as the little cabin  
boy in a lurid melodrama known as  
"The Lascar Crew." He has been sing-  
ing and dancing ever since, in all sec-  
tions of the world—and usually his own  
songs. He always has been a dancer  
and always a composer of popular songs  
that ballads. He was particularly well  
known in the old days of the big min-  
strel companies as one of the big black-  
face singers and dancers, and was as  
popular in London and the British  
provinces as he was in this country. He  
invented most of the dance and march  
figures still used in musical comedy.  
This week he is playing with the Dave  
Marion show at the Gayety Theater,  
and is putting into the show some of  
the finished dancing of a past genera-  
tion of entertainers.

### Does Not Look His Part.

With the look of a successful busi-  
ness man and the accent of a college  
bred Englishman, except for just a bit  
of the Bostonese-Irish brogue that lends  
what might be called a twinkle to his  
words, and seems to soften any criti-  
cism he might utter on things past and  
present, Mr. Fagin would never be set  
down as an actor, and certainly not as  
one of the best known of the minstrels,  
the former partner of Willie Sweatheart,  
Billy Huce, George Thatcher, Billy West,  
Billy Emerson, George Primrose, and  
the rest of the old galaxy of singing and  
dancing black face stars. Nor would it  
ever be thought that he and Richard  
Golden created the part of the comedy  
calf in "Evangeline," which afterward  
made Richard Golden a former partner,  
Henry E. Dixey, a Fagin's former partner,  
Parks, famous in the New York production.  
It is as the author of "My Gal Is a  
High-Born Lady" that Fagin is particu-  
larly interesting at this time. The  
music, written, however, because this  
song, written in 1887, though not gen-  
erally known until four or five years  
later, was the forerunner of all the  
popular ragtime songs that have fol-  
lowed, just as "When the Robins Nest  
Again," which Fagin wrote in 1873 for  
Frank Howard, was the forerunner of  
a host of similar ballads.

### How He Came to Write It.

"It is very curious how I came to  
write the 'High-Born Lady,' and still  
more curious how it became so over-  
poweringly popular," declared Mr. Fa-  
gin when asked about the song and its  
history. "The fact is, the song was  
written for no other purpose than the  
necessity of securing a money to buy  
my wife a birthday present. I had been  
writing songs for years, and I probably  
had been paying too much attention  
to the habit of depending on my  
ability to turn out something that would  
sell to supply me with funds whenever  
I needed them. If I might confess it,  
I had been paying too much attention  
to a remarkably slow set of horses just  
about that time. I didn't know they  
were slow when they gained my affec-  
tions. But by the investment of large  
sums of money from our savings I  
gained the information. You can get  
lots of information about horses that  
way, my boy. I know all about them  
now, and don't need to invest any more."  
However, I awoke one morning flat  
broke and four weeks out of work. My  
wife greeted me with the information

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gist and would apply this wonderful  
external remedy and valuable help  
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many years this time-tried remedy  
has been used and strongly endorsed  
by experienced mothers, for it is the  
one safe, dependable remedy that  
penetrates to relieve all strain on  
nerves, cords, ligaments and all  
parts involved. It makes the muscles  
expand naturally and stops pain.

## WASHINGTON 14TH IN HOMICIDE RECORD

Insurance Publication Appeals  
to Nation to Stop This Form  
of Crime.

Out of thirty American cities, Wash-  
ington, D. C., stands fourteenth in a  
record for homicides, compiled by  
the Spectator, a New York insurance  
publication. The table of statistics  
shows that in this city during the period  
from 1904 to 1913 there were 24 such  
deaths, a ratio of 7.5 to every 100,000  
population. For the year 1914, however,  
there were only twenty-nine homicides.

Together with the statistical table,  
the Spectator publishes an appeal to  
the nation to take immediate steps to  
bring about a decrease in this form of  
crime which, in the thirty cities con-  
sidered, has been responsible for 1,181  
deaths in nine years. The Spectator  
says: "The outlook for an improvement  
is hopeless unless the public conscious-  
ness throughout the nation is aroused  
and a determined effort is made to pun-  
ish promptly and in the most drastic  
and effective manner those who are  
wrecking offenders against society, in re-  
sponse to a clearer recognition of the  
moral iniquity of murder in any and  
every form and its most severe con-  
demnation on the part of the public. As  
abundantly shown by the history of as-  
sault, and attempts at the murder of  
persons in conspicuous positions, no  
life, from the highest to the lowest, and  
the most useful to the worthless, is safe  
under existing conditions of public mor-  
tality and the lax administration of jus-  
tice."

Fagin is one of the original believers  
in clean burlesque as a legitimate form  
of entertainment, although this is his  
first season with regular burlesque  
company. "Evangeline," he declares,  
was a burlesque show in a strict defini-  
tion of the term and all of the old  
extravaganzas—were burlesque shows,  
he states. For a number of years he  
has associated with the minstrel com-  
panies and when minstrel became less  
popular he was seized by the vaudeville  
magnates and appeared in vaudeville  
houses for several years.

This year he was secured as a special  
attraction by the Columbia Amusement  
Company for their Marion show. In  
order to emphasize their claim that  
they are making burlesque the kind of  
entertainment that is entirely well  
known and especially prepared for  
women patrons of the theater.

### Russians Sink Two Turkish Benzine Boats

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.—Two Turkish  
hulka boats for Constantinople with cap-  
tains of bands, were sunk by Russian  
warships and their crews captured, ac-  
cording to dispatches received here to-  
day.

### Get the Habit of Drinking Hot Water Before Breakfast

Says we can't look or feel right  
with the system full  
of poisons.

Millions of folks bathe internally now  
instead of loading their system with  
drugs. "What's an inside bath?" you  
say. Well, it is guaranteed to perform  
miracles if you could believe these hot-  
water enthusiasts.

There are vast numbers of men and  
women who, immediately upon arising  
in the morning, drink a glass of real  
hot water with a teaspoonful of im-  
mense phosphate in it. This is a very  
excellent health measure. It tends to  
flush the stomach, liver, kidneys, and  
the thirty feet of intestines of the  
previous day's waste, sour bile, and in-  
digestible material left over in the body  
which, if not eliminated every day, be-  
comes food for the millions of bacteria  
which infest the bowels, the quick re-  
sult is poisons and toxins which are  
then absorbed into the blood, causing  
headache, bilious attacks, foul breath,  
bad taste, colds, influenza, and a host  
of misery, sleeplessness, impure blood  
and all sorts of ailments.

People who feel good one day and  
badly the next, who sleep cannot get  
feeling right are urged to obtain a  
quarter pound of limestone phosphate  
at the drug store. This will cost very  
little, but is sufficient to make anyone  
a real crank on the subject of internal  
sanitation.

Just as soap and hot water act on the  
skin, cleansing, sweetening, and fresh-  
ening, so limestone phosphate and hot  
water act on the stomach, liver, kid-  
neys, and bowels. It is vastly more  
important to bathe on the inside than  
on the outside, because the skin pores  
do not absorb impurities into the blood,  
while the bowel pores do—Adv.

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cemented seams, and have tam  
o'shanter hats to match. In tan  
and navy, and sizes 6 to 14.

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A good coat in tan rubberized ma-  
terial, with cemented seams, mak-  
ing it waterproof; sizes 6 to 14.

**Rain Capes, with hood, \$3.00.**  
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plaid silk; sizes 4 to 14 years.

**Children's Dresses, \$2.00 to  
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pique, with embroidery trim-  
ming; plain and striped cham-  
brays. Styles and colors for  
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